

REMARKS

Claims 13-23 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, 13 and 23 are amended and claims 14 and 15 are cancelled. Support for the amendments to claims 13 and 23 can be found, for example, in the instant specification at page 2, lines 14 to 19. No new matter is added.

Personal Interview

Applicants appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicants' representative by Examiner Vo in the April 5, 2006 personal interview. Applicants' separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

During the personal interview, the Examiner indicated that the instant claims could be distinguished over the prior art of record by amending the claims to indicate how information is recorded on and read from the recited information recording media and device. By this Amendment, claims 13 and 23 are amended to indicate that the information recording medium/device is configured so that information can be recorded by application of thermal energy to an area of the information recording medium/device, and recorded information can be read by detecting a value of photoelectric current generated by light applied to the area of the information recording medium/device at which information was recorded.

For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections are respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 13-23 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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